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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Docket Nos. UL14-01-000, DI15-01-000

Notice of Declaration of Intention and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and/or Motions to Intervene; Horseshoe Bend Ranch, Inc.

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Application Type: Petition for Declaratory Order
- b. Docket Nos.: UL14-01-000 and DI15-01-000
- c. Date Filed: October 8, 2014
- d. Applicant: Horseshoe Bend Ranch, Inc.
- e. Name of Project: Horseshoe Bend Water Turbine Project
- f. Location: The existing Horseshoe Bend Water Turbine Project will be located on Billy Creek, a tributary of the Salmon River, near the town of Cottonwood, Idaho County, Idaho, affecting T. 31N, R. 02W and R. 03W, S. 25 and 31, Boise Meridian.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act, 16 USC 817(b) (2012).
- h. Applicant Contact: George E. Shroyer, Jr., Horseshoe Bend Ranch, Inc., 1910 Chapel Drive, Philomath, OR 97370; telephone: (541) 929-3308; Email address: Gopherhunter8@gmail.commailto:mpdpe@aol.com
- i. FERC Contact: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Jennifer Polardino, (202) 502-6437, or E-mail address: <u>Jennifer.Polardino@ferc.gov</u>
- j. Deadline for filing comments, protests, and/or motions is: 30 days from the issuance of this notice by the Commission.

Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(l)(iii) (2014) and the instructions on the Commission's

website under the "eFiling" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings, please go to the Commission's website located at http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp.

Please include the docket numbers (DI15-01-000 and UL14-01-000) on any comments, protests, and/or motions filed.

k. Description of Project: The existing 7.5-kilowatt run-of-river Horseshoe Bend Water Turbine Project consists of: (1) a two to three-foot-high dam on Billy Creek, a tributary of the Salmon River; (2) a 6-inch-diameter pipe which transfers water from a reservoir which holds 2,000 gallons of water to a holding tank; (3) a 6-inch-diameter overflow pipe which diverts water from the holding tank into Billy Creek; (4) a 3 to 4-inch diameter, 3,800-foot-long penstock; (5) a turbine rated at 400 feet of net head coupled to a generator with an average flow of .37 cubic feet per second; (6) a 6-inch-diameter tailrace which returns water back into Billy Creek; (7) and appurtenant facilities. The project intake starts on the applicant's property and continues through lands owned by the State of Idaho and the Bureau of Land Management.

When a Declaration of Intention is filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Power Act requires the Commission to investigate and determine if the project would affect the interests of interstate or foreign commerce. The Commission also determines whether or not the project: (1) would be located on a navigable waterway; (2) would occupy public lands or reservations of the United States; (3) would utilize surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) would be located on a non-navigable stream over which Congress has Commerce Clause jurisdiction and would be constructed or enlarged after 1935.

l. Locations of the Application: Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the Docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above. m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

- n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene -- Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.
- o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents -- All filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTESTS", AND/OR "MOTIONS TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Docket Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any Motion to Intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.
- p. Agency Comments -- Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Dated: November 3, 2014.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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